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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,383 crashes as compared to 1,107 crashes in May of 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased by 37%. In actual numbers, there were 11 fatal crashes this year in May and 8 last year. Overall total crashes increased by 24.9% as compared to May 2006. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified an 18% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 85 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were two fatalities; 15 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 68 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 6.1% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,736 crash reports in May 2007. This resulted in 8,729 crash reports being mailed out, 23.7 % more than last year during May. There were 1,100 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an increase of 2.0% when compared to May 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 26,178 CAD incidents and 37,247 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 21.1% in May 2007, as compared to May 2006. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests prior to crashes were down 0.6% as compared to last year. DUI arrests from crashes increased by 72 % as compared to May 2006. Hazardous moving violations increased by 25.7% compared to May 2006.

The Commercial Enforcement Section decreased its hazardous moving violation enforcement by 50 % but increased all other violations by 2 %. Additionally there was a 42.8 % increase of inspections during May that resulted in a 53.2 % increase in total safety violations. Which increased the number of vehicles being placed "out of service" by 41 %.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	May 07		May 06	% Change		April 07	% Change
Total crashes	1383		1107	24.9%		1333	3.8%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1028		830	23.9%		991	3.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	344		269	27.9%		335	2.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	11		8	37.5%		7	57.1%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	93		54	72.2%		68	36.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	12		8	50.0%		7	71.4%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		3	33.3%		2	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		1	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3		0	300.0%		2	50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		4	-400.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3		8	-62.5%		2	50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	85		72	18.1%		56	51.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	68		59	15.3%		44	54.5%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	15		13	15.4%		12	25.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .8 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.7%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.1 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 24.9 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 18.1 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 37.5% as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	May 07		May 06	% Change		April 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	93		54	72.2%		68	36.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	153		154	-0.6%		146	4.8%
Other arrests	908		778	16.7%		853	6.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	397		332	19.6%		352	12.8%
Speed violations	3613		3113	16.1%		3758	-3.9%
Hazardous moving violations	2222		1767	25.7%		2507	-11.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	676		701	-3.6%		657	2.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	10719		8852	21.1%		11436	-6.3%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	76		154	-50.6%		74	2.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	261		256	2.0%		205	27.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	1044		731	42.8%		676	54.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	12		6	100.0%		4	200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	491		336	46.1%		294	67.0%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2151		1404	53.2%		1510	42.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	131		93	40.9%		125	4.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	84		93	-9.7%		43	95.3%
Total school buses inspected	137		275	-50.2%		208	-34.1%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	25		38	-34.2%		34	-26.5%
Total trucks weighed	1816		81	2142.0%		1342	35.3%
Total overweight citations	52		70	-25.7%		30	73.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	1055		502	110.2%		680	55.1%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		11	-90.9%		1	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections			7		1
Safety Violations Citation			21		
Safety Violations Repair Order			13		
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"					
Dyed Fuel Inspections			2		
Dyed Fuel Citations			2		

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.14%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ✱ 15 submitted lab tests of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 5 %of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May 2007		May 2006	% Change		April 2006	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	354,151		134,136	164.0%		329,769	7.4%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	895,592		333,815	168.3%		1,249,695	-28.3%
CAD Incidents	26,178		26,000	0.7%		26,104	0.3%
Telephone Calls	37,247		30,500	22.1%		29,367	26.8%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	10		40	-75.0%		30	-66.7%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,736		1,344	29.2%		1,102	57.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	387		497	-22.1%		369	4.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	19		19	0 %		21	-9.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	114		123	-7.3%		131	-13.0%
Visitors at Counter	1,100		1,078	2.0%		997	10.3%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	8,729		7,056	23.7%		6,903	26.5%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	1369		365	275.1%		802	70.7%
Warrants Entered	396		411	-3.6%		288	37.5%
Warrants Cleared	445		341	30.5%		198	124.7%
Warrants Validated	1336		1244	7.4%		1165	14.7%
Extradition / Transports	14		12	16.7%		11	27.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	56		89	-37.1%		53	5.7%
New Items Submitted	122		128	-4.7%		100	22.0%
Items Disposed	47		34	38.2%		32	46.9%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 89.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 7.10 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 3.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 18 Contracts using 507.00 hours, billed in the amount of \$32,332.80

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
16	163	32	13

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
611	381	32	83	64	19

Community service appearances:

Schools: Las Vegas College, Eldorado H.S., Canyon Spring H.S., Valley H.S., -Palo
 Verdi H. S., Arbor View H.S., Fertitta M.S., Cadwallader M.S., Griffith E.S.,
 Marc Kahre E.S., Bracken E.S., Wilhelm E.S., Tartan E.S., Thompson E.S., -
 Craig E.S., Moore E.S.

Additional:

- Delivery and training on new Seatbelt Convincer
- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- Guest speaker at Safeway Driving Academy
- Guest speaker at Northwest Driving School
- B.E.S.T. Coalition – Methamphetamine information
- Goshin Coalition – Methamphetamine information
- Special Olympics Cops on Donut Shops
- Promote and participate in P.A.C.E. Teen Driving Competition
- Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Guest Speaker at LVMPD “First Tuesday” citizen meeting
- Exhibitor at 2007 Boy Scout jamboree
- Presenter at “Caravan of Hope” event
- “Sunrise Trauma Talks to Teens” DUI and Safe Driving Event
- Joint media event with NDOT//widening of bike lanes on SR 159
- Click it or Ticket press event at UMC Trauma
- Memorial Day driving safety press event at Ewing Bros Towing
- Taping of 3 new PSAs for CBS Radio
- Clark County Fallen Officer Memorial
- Special Olympics Summer Games
- Country Music Association Motorcycle Ride for Kids